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SUBJECT: JULY 28 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON KIEV PROPERTIES

1. SUMMARY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL MET WITH EUR/EX, FBO, EUR/SOV AND ARCHITECT KNOOP ON KIEV PROPERTY QUESTIONS JULY 28. FOLLOWING DECISIONS EMERGED FROM MEETING: DEPARTMENT WILL SEND KNOOP TO KIEV MID-AUGUST FOR CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD TURN OVER STRELETSKAYA PLANS TO SOVIETS FOR REVIEW ASAP BEFORE ARCHITECT'S VISIT. DEPARTMENT SENDING ALTERNATE PROPOSALS ON DISPUTED WALLS AT FLORENTSIYA. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS AT GORKY, AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF USING PART OF BASEMENT. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE ENTRANCE TO CGR. END SUMMARY

2. MEETING HELD JULY 28 BY EUR/EX, FBO, EUR/SOV AND ARCHITECT KNOOP TO REVIEW VARIOUS KIEV PROPERTY QUESTIONS WITH AMBASSADOR. ARCHITECT KNOOP PRESENTED VARIOUS SCHEMATIC PROPOSALS FOR GORKY CGR, REVIEWED STRELETSKAYA BOUNDARY LINE QUESTIONS AND SHOWED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FLORENTSIYA RECONFIGURATION PROBLEM. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON
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ALL PROPERTY QUESTIONS, FOLLOWING DECISIONS MADE.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL SEND KNOOP TO KIEV SOMETIME IN MID-AUGUST FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES. WILL ADVISE ITINERARY SEPTEL. PLEASE ADVISE IF APPROPRIATE KIEV OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THAT TIME. SPECIFICALLY, KNOOP WISHES TO GO OVER STRELETSKAYA PLANS WITH SOVIET TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM KIEV DESIGN INSTITUTE WHO WILL PREPARE FINAL CONTRACT DRAWINGS. KNOOP ALSO ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD REQUEST PRESENCE OF LEONID N. GURIANOV, SECOND SECRETARY, MFA, UKRAINIAN SSR. GURIANOV SERVED AS INTERPRETER DURING KNOOP'S TWO PREVIOUS VISITS AND WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN INTERPRETING COMPLICATED TECHNICAL MATTERS. IF APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE OR IF THEY REQUIRE MORE TIME TO REVIEW PLANS, WE WOULD PREFER TO DELAY KNOOP' ARRIVAL SLIGHTLY TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF HIS VISIT.

4. STRELETSKAYA - EMBASSYSHOULDTURN OVER STRELETSKAYA PLANS AND RECOMMENDED OUTLINE SPECIFICATION PAPER TO SOVIETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT KNOOP CAN DISCUSS SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF RECONFIGURATION DURING VISIT. REGARDING BOUNDARY LINE QUESTION, DEPARTMENT REMAINS FIRM ON POSITION THAT WE NEED THE SPACE TO LEFT OF BUILDING 16 FOR VEHICLE MANEUVERABILITY, BUT ARE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON SOVIET LINE IN REAR COURTYARD. IF ISSUE NOT RESOLVED BY TIME OF VISIT, ARCHITECT WILL REVIEW VARIOUS BOUNDARY RAMIFICATIONS WITH EMBOFFS UPON ARRIVAL. IN MEANTIME, EMBOFFS SHOULD RESIST SOVIET EFFORT TO DENY US STRIP OF LAND IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND REPORT SOVIET RATIONALE FOR THIS NEW CHANGE IN THEIR

POSITION.

5. FLORENTSIYA - BASED ON PORTER'S DRAWINGS AND NOTES, ARCHITECT HAS DEVELOPED ALTERNATE PROPOSALS WHICH WE BELIEVE MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS FOR THE THREE DISAPPROVED WALLS. PLANS WILL BE HAND-CARRIED TO MOSCOW BY AM0ASSADOR STOESSEL.
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO KIEV AUTHORITIES ASAP IN ADVANCE OF KNOOP VISIT BUT EMBASSY MAY USE ITS
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DISCRETION IN REACHING AGREEMENT PRIOR TO KNOOP ARRIVAL.

6.- GORKY - IT WAS DECIDED FIRST FLOOR COULD ACCOMMODATE CGR,BUT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO SEPARATE ENTRANCE.

EMBASSY SHOULD NOW REQUEST FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF

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BUILDING AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF USING PART OF BASE-
MENT. (CONGEN HAS PROVISION FOR FILM VIEWING AREA AND
NEW GORKY PLANS WILL HAVE COAT ROOM ON FIRST FLOOR.
THEREFORE, WE DO NOT THINK BASEMENT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR
THESE PURPOSES. HOWEVER, IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR STORAGE
AREA.) KNOOP WILL REVIEW THIS SITUATION WITH EMBASSY
OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT. HE WILL BRING WITH HIM PRO-
POSED PLANS FOR GORKY BUT PROMPT REPORT ON AVAILABILITY
OF FIRST FLOOR WOULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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